

MEETING DATE/TYPE: VOTING MEETING 7-9-19

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt Resolution No. 2019-1706 Declaring the document titled "Chapter 3-10: Water Conservation Code" a public record, and Ordinance No. 2019-1676 Amending Title III, Chapter 3-10.

FUNDING SOURCE: Water Fund

Approved By: Michael Lamar, City Manager

Item Summary

This item is an amendment to Prescott City Code, Chapter 3-10: Water Conservation Code. The update includes changes to the rebate program and incentives for non-sewered areas.

Background

The City of Prescott has been a regional leader in water conservation for almost 30 years. The Water Conservation Code has been in place since 1992, with varying degrees of effectiveness over the years. New technologies, WaterSense appliances and fixtures as well as changes to Building Codes have all contributed to greater water conservation awareness and savings.

On May 28, 2019, Gary Woodard from Water Resources Consulting presented to Council "Water Budgets, Forecasts, and Scenarios". Within the analysis, Woodard showed water sent to non-sewered areas and water used outdoors was the greatest water loss for the City of Prescott.

In order to increase water savings for money spent, the water rebate/incentive program will be updated with the following:

- Toilets with 1.0 gallons per flush or less will be rebated \$100.
- An additional \$50 incentive will be provided for water customers that use septic systems and apply for a toilet rebate.
- Smart irrigation timers will be rebated at \$75.
- Rainwater harvesting cisterns will be rebated at \$0.50/gallon of storage, and an additional passive rainwater harvesting system rebate was added with a rebate of \$5/square foot of basin.
- Turf removal will increase from \$0.25/square foot of turf removed to \$0.50/square foot of turf removed.
- Unused or low monetary rebates were eliminated.

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This program will be heavily marketed to increase public awareness. It will be available to all City water users including those within the Chino Valley area and unincorporated Yavapai County.

Financial Impact

Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available in the Water Fund.

Attachments

1. Ordinance No. 2019-1676
2. Resolution No. 2019-1706
3. Chapter 3-10 Water Conservation Code Redlines

Recommended Action: 1) MOVE to adopt Resolution No. 2019-1706; and 2) MOVE to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-1676.